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CHUCK MOFFITT

Chuck Moffitt Reporter for Demo Parley

Torrance Boy Picked by Baltimore Paper

Chuck Moffitt of 1434 Post Ave., a senior at Serra High School, this year's president of the Scholastic Sports Association, editor-in-chief of the Serra Cavalier, has been drafted by the Baltimore wing of the Hearst syndicate as their West Coast reporter for the Democratic convention to be held in Los Angeles in July.

Moffitt has been writing for the Los Angeles Examiner for the past two years.

As the official reporter to the recent Model Legislature in Sacramento last month, Chuck discussed present legislative issues with California's Governor, Pat Brown.

It was in view of his excellent coverage of this three-day Model Legislature that the Baltimore-American has contracted Moffitt for the Democratic convention.

The paper has informed Chuck that he is the youngest reporter of their staff ever to receive such an assignment.

11 in Running for Chamber's Citizen Award

Eleven community leaders remain in the running for Torrance's Citizen of the Year for 1959, according to an announcement by Glenn Koger, selection committee chairman.

The winner will be announced at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce at the Statler-Hilton, Los Angeles, next Wednesday.

Koger released names of finalists so all may receive recognition for work each has accomplished.

This is the first year the finalists have been announced since the program was instituted in 1953 in memory of two civic leaders, Dr. William I. Laughon and Grover C. Whyte.

Finalists are James P. Becker, Margaret Clark, Rose Craig, William J. Hanson, Mayor Albert Isen, Marguerite Broen McAllister, George C. Powell, J. H. Paget, Fred W. Mill, the Rev. H. Milton Sippel, and Mrs. Kenneth Watts.

Candidate Charges Police Under Political Pressure



PAGET PRESIDES—J. H. Paget, Chamber of Commerce president, dispenses hot dogs and potables at Newberry's during Merchants Association kickoff of year which promises greater bargains, new promotions. It was biggest rally in history of merchants. —Press Photo

Says City Should Elect Commission

Barton Says Council Can Give 7 Versions of Policy Decisions

John Barton, attorney and City Council candidate, today said he will demand formation of a police commission as a part of his campaign platform.

He said he wants to take political pressure off the police department and give the commission sole authority to interpret policy decisions of the City Council for the department.

Barton declared this would eliminate pressure by councilmen and the possibility of seven different interpretations of one policy.

The commission, which he believes should be elective, would discuss all proposals for improving the department and handling major complaints.

Barton said his proposal would "relieve the police of political intimidation."

City's Convict Law Repealed

The City Council is wiping an unconstitutional law off its books with repeal of the convict-registration ordinance.

The council passed the first reading of the repeal after the state Supreme Court held a similar ordinance invalid.

Those who have served time in prison no longer need register with the police chief.

Kids Help Weeds, Transplant Signs

Perhaps it's delinquency these days. It used to be mischief.

Councilman J. A. Bessley was irked because so many city signs demanding weed cleanup are posted in front of immaculate green lawns.

Wade Peebles, public-works director, explained children move the weed signs from run-down lots to the property of the elite, thus doubly confounding the issue.



DRESS REHEARSAL—Berna Fitzell of 17013 Daphne Ave., Mormon Choir soprano, and son Kurt run over score with Jo Key Louvier, South High clarinetist who plays in band.

PRESS WILL MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS

Mechanical departments of Torrance's leading newspaper yesterday began the move to The Press's new and spacious facilities at 3238 Sepulveda, across from the Del Amo shopping center.

Editorial, advertising, circulation, bookkeeping, and public-service departments will complete the transfer this weekend.

The new building, constructed principally of slumpstone and glass, is the most modern of its kind in the nation.

"Torrance's growth passed the capacity of our previous quarters far sooner than we were able to predict," said William R. Zappas, publisher. "The new plant will enable us to serve the growing needs and wishes of subscribers and advertisers indefinitely."

Choir, Youth Band Appear on Saturday

A capacity house is expected for the joint concert to be given by the Mormon Choir of Southern California and the Torrance Area Youth Band in the Redondo Union High School, Saturday at 8 p.m.

This was indicated by James Van Dyck, director of the band and chairman of the ticket sales, who reported a brisk sale by band parents and choir members of the First Methodist Church.

This will be the third of the Youth Band-Artist Concerts sponsored by the band. Proceeds will be used toward cost of 30 new band uniforms bought last summer.

The Youth Band on the first half of the concert will play the "Iphigenia in Aulis" overture by Gluck, "Proud Heritage" march by William Latham, "Folk Song Suite" by Vaughan-Williams, the Irish Washerwoman from "Irish Suite" by Leroy Anderson, "Espana Rhapsody" by Chabrier, "Toccata" by Frescobaldi, and "His Honor" march by Henry Fillmore.

Mike Mansolino, trumpet instructor for the band will be soloist.

The choir, conducted by Frederick Davis, will perform on the second half of the concert.

They have programmed "Great Is Jehovah, the Lord," by Schubert; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach; "Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord," by Lewandowski; "Come, Come, Ye Saints" by Clayton, arranged by Davis; "Some Enchanted Evening" from "South Pacific" by Rodgers, arranged by Stickers; "Happy Wanderer" by Moller, with Robert Stevens as baritone soloist; and "No Man Is An Island," by Whitney and Kramer, arranged by Ringwald.

Michael Cannon, pianist, will play the Chopin Nocturne in F Major and the first movement of Sonata in F Sharp Minor by Brahms. Tickets may be bought at the door or from band parents or members of the First Methodist Church Choir.

Realty Classes Start Tonight

George Powell, city planning director, will speak tonight in the first of a series of advanced real-estate classes sponsored by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

Other speakers are Sherman Waldrip, assistant finance superintendent for the school district, and Harry Colmer, author and printer of real-estate forms.

The class will be given at the YMCA from 7:30 to 9:30.

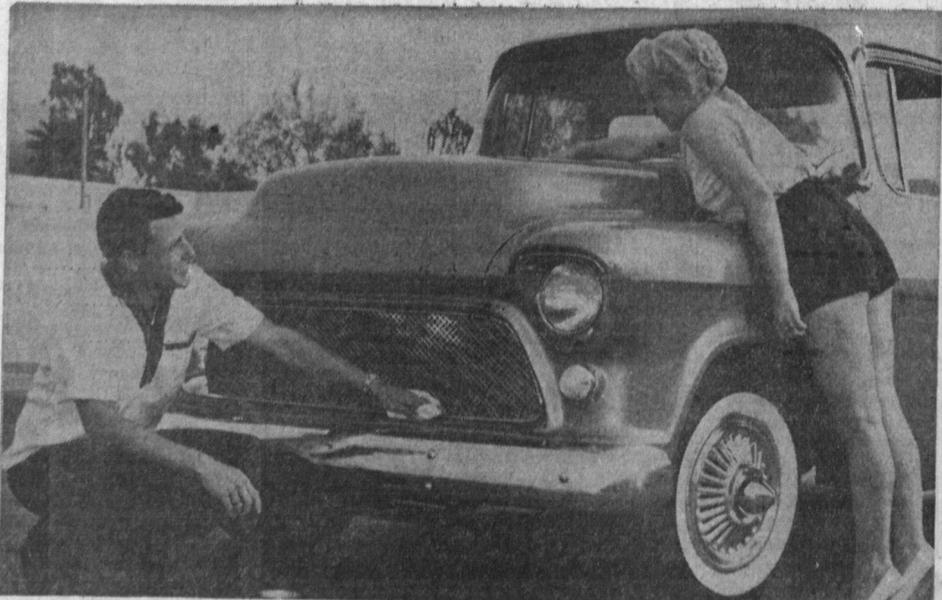
Inside the Press

Selection as winner of this area's Jaycee-sponsored "My True Security" contest brought mixed reaction from Chuck Moffitt, who entered in Gardena. Councilman J. A. Bessley and editor of The Press selected him. His letter is on Page 3-A.

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Car Clubs Gather for Inspection Sunday



SPRING CLEANING — Chuck Comstock, member of the Charioteers, police-sponsored car club, and young lady friend, Sheila Ward, shine up Chuck's 1955 Chevy Cameo for Sunday inspection. About 60 cars are expected Sunday. —Press Photo

Police Offer Checkup from Pipes to Plugs

Members of all police-sponsored car clubs will gather Sunday from 9 a.m. at Sears-Del Amo parking lot for inspection of everything from their personal appearance and attitude to sharpness and safety of their vehicles.

Traffic Officer Don Hartel will be in charge of fault finding from a long list that includes complete mechanical perfection, presence of tools, flares, and first-aid equipment, and polish of components from exhaust pipe to spark plugs.

Inspection will start at 9 a.m., and noon is the deadline for registration. All cars entered by 12 will be processed. Too many demerits will result in exclusion of drivers from participation in this year's Youth Economy Run in June.

Detective A. L. Jackson, club adviser, said this event is confined to car-club members. The next inspection will include cars belonging to the general public, and decals will be issued to those who pass.

Sunday's activities will be open to the public as spectators.

Isen Files Criminal Action in War on Litter Merchants

Mayor Albert Isen yesterday filed a criminal complaint against one large Torrance merchant and warned others in the opening shot of an all-out war on trash flooding the city.

Isen told the City Council the lid is off and from here on out names will be named and citizens—especially merchants—prosecuted if they persist in littering the streets.

He said many store owners make a practice of sweeping trash into the street and permit it to be blown all over town.

The complaint already filed was held in abeyance when the firm's management agreed to clean up the mess and declared they want a clean city as badly as anyone. They said they were not aware the wind had taken over their trash cans.

Assistant City Attorney Robert K. Dowser said the present ordinance is sufficient to prosecute anyone responsible for litter. The Mayor has asked for a new law forcing residents to police their own property, regardless of whence the rubble came.

Fleetwood Says City Council Antics Appall Citizens, Keep Clergy Away

Thirvin D. Fleetwood, City Council candidate from North Torrance, today lashed out at the decorum of the council, declaring petitioners are abused and the clergy is reluctant to appear for the invocation.

"If I am elected I will insist on courtesy to citizens, department heads, and employees when they appear before the council with problems," Fleetwood said. "Matters will be discussed in a dignified way so ministers won't mind appearing to give an invocation."

He said he opposes star sessions, even in personnel matters, and declared he wants less of this. "I'll vote-for-your-commission-appointment-if-you-vote-for-my-some-change-business."

Referring to last week's charge by Henry Carreiro, another candidate, that Fleetwood is swiping his issues, he said, "If he would check the record, he would find I advocated these issues in 1955 (council districts), and part of it was achieved in 1958 when the Mayor was elected by the people."